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<p align="center">Office Action Summary</p>	<p>Application No.</p> <p>10/602,973</p>	<p>Applicant(s)</p> <p>REGNA ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner</p> <p>M Rachuba</p>	<p>Art Unit</p> <p>3723</p>	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 June 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| <p>1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)</p> <p> Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6/24/03, 10/22/03</u>.</p> | <p>4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)</p> <p> Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.</p> <p>5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</p> <p>6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.</p> |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the drawings are obviously informal, i.e. figure 3 having rough or blurred lines. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8, as broadly claimed, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2,186,512. '512 discloses the claimed invention, including an apparatus for clamping a workpiece in a machine, said apparatus comprising: an inner nose **275** portion comprising a plurality of mounting surfaces **281, 283, 285, 287**, said inner nose portion being rotatable about an axis of rotation, an outer ring portion **280** comprising at least one clamp, **276**, said clamp being operable between an unclamped position and a clamped position wherein a workpiece is clamped against said mounting surfaces, said outer ring being rotatable about said axis of rotation, wherein in said unclamped position, said inner nose portion is rotationally positionable about said axis such that a workpiece positioned against said mounting surfaces may be oriented relative to said clamp to a position at which, with said clamp being operated

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to said clamped position, said workpiece is clamped against said mounting surfaces, the clamping effecting a coupling of said inner nose portions and said outer ring portion whereby with a clamped workpiece, said inner nose portion and said outer ring portion are rotatable together and are positionable about said axis. The inner nose portion comprises two mounting surfaces with the mounting surfaces being oriented at 90 degrees with respect to one another. The mounting surfaces are located on a mounting block (the body of the nose portion) on said nose portion.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB '512 in view of SU 1473906. '512 does not explicitly disclose a controllable locking

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mechanism operable between a locked position, whereby said outer ring portion is locked in a predetermined rotational orientation, and an unlocked position whereby said outer ring portion is rotatable. '906, teaches providing a controllable lock to lock the collet and outer ring together, preventing the outer ring from rotating relative to the collet. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to have provided '512 with a lock as taught by '906, to prevent rotation of the outer ring relative to the collet, allowing the cutter to come loose.

7. Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2,186,512 in view of Mortell et al, 6,517,411. '512 does not disclose providing a port for communicating with a vacuum or positive fluid pressure. '411, column 15, lines 8-18, teaches providing a tool holder with ports to connect to either a vacuum or positive fluid pressure source, to cause the tool to retained or released within the holder. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to have provided '512 with the vacuum or positive pressure port taught by '411, to further ensure that the tool is well seated in the holder.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Other similar holders are cited of interest.

9. Any inquiry concerning the content of this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Rachuba whose telephone number is (703) 308-1361. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Any inquiries concerning other than the content of this

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and previous communications, such as missing references or filed papers not acknowledged, should be directed to the Customer Service Representative, Tech Center 3700, (703) 306-5648.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail, can be reached on (703) 308-2687.

In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

M. RACHUBA
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER
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March 31, 2004

